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SUBJECT: MARCH 2003 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SECURITY OF
RADIOACTIVE SOURCES: JORDAN PLANS TO ATTEND

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1. (U) On January 8, A/Polcouns conveyed reftel non-paper on the March 2003 Vienna conference on security of radioactive sources to Ayman Aamiri, Deputy Director of the MFA's International Organizations Department. Aamiri offered no substantive comment but promised to convey the information both to Jordan's mission in Vienna and relevant GOJ bodies in Amman. On January 9, ENV/HUB officer conveyed the same material to Dr. Ziad Kodah, Director General of the Jordan Atomic Energy Commission. Dr. Kodah said that he was already aware of the conference through his IAEA contacts, plans to attend, and will encourage participation by others in the GOJ who have a security interest in the issue. He also noted that he would be applying for a grant to help meet the cost of attendance of qualified specialists from developing Member States and is aware that he must convey his grant application to the conference organizers by January 15.
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